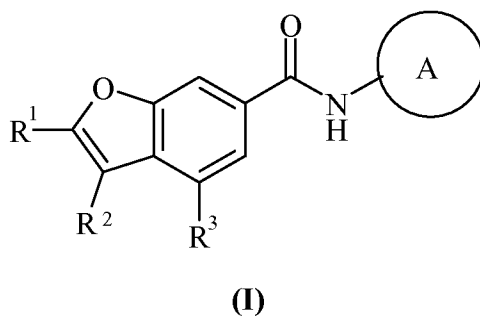


Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listing of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (previously presented): A compound of formula (I) or a salt thereof,



wherein:

Ring A is pyridin-2-yl wherein said pyridin-2-yl is optionally substituted on carbon by one or more groups selected from R^4 ;

one of R^1 and R^2 is hydrogen and the other is hydrogen or C_{1-4} alkyl; wherein R^1 and R^2 are optionally substituted on carbon by one or more groups selected from R^5 ;

R^3 is selected from C_{1-4} alkyl, C_{1-4} alkoxy, carbocyclyl, and carbocyclyloxy; wherein R^3 is optionally substituted on carbon by one or more groups selected from R^6 ;

R^4 is selected from halo, carboxy and C_{1-4} alkyl;

R^5 and R^6 are independently selected from halo, C_{1-4} alkyl, C_{1-4} alkoxy, N -(C_{1-4} alkyl)amino, N,N -(C_{1-4} alkyl)₂amino, carbocyclyl, carbocyclyloxy, and carbocyclylidenyl; wherein R^5 and R^6 are independently optionally substituted on carbon by one or more R^7 ;

R^7 is selected from halo, carboxy, methyl, ethyl, methoxy, ethoxy, methylamino, ethylamino, dimethylamino, diethylamino and N -methyl- N -ethylamino.

Claim 2 (previously presented): The compound according to Claim 1 or a salt thereof, wherein Ring A is unsubstituted or is substituted by carboxy.

Claim 3 (previously presented): The compound according to Claim 2 or a salt thereof, wherein one of **R**¹ and **R**² is hydrogen and the other is hydrogen or C₁₋₄alkyl.

Claim 4 (previously presented): The compound according Claim 1 or a salt thereof, wherein **R**³ is selected from C₁₋₄alkoxy; wherein **R**³ is optionally substituted on carbon by one or more groups selected from **R**⁶.

Claim 5 (currently amended): The compound according to Claim 1 or a salt thereof, wherein **R**³ is selected from 2-fluorobenzyloxy, 5-methylisoxazol-3-ylmethoxy and 2-thien-3-ylethoxy.

Claim 6 (currently amended): A compound according to Claim 1 selected from:

2-methyl-4-isobutoxy-6-[N-(5-carboxypyridin-2-yl)carbamoyl]benzofuran;

2-methyl-4-(2-fluorophenylmethoxy)-6-[N-(5-carboxypyridin-2-

yl)carbamoyl]benzofuran; and

~~2-methyl-4-isobutoxy-6-[N-(5-carboxythiazol-2-yl)carbamoyl]benzofuran;~~

~~2-methyl-4-(5-methylisoxazol-3-ylmethoxy)-6-[N-(5-carboxypyridin-2-~~

~~yl)carbamoyl]benzofuran;~~

4-(2-fluorophenylmethoxy)-6-[N-(5-carboxypyridin-2-yl)carbamoyl]benzofuran;

~~4-(5-methylisoxazol-3-ylmethoxy)-6-[N-(5-carboxypyridin-2-yl)carbamoyl]benzofuran;~~

~~2-methyl-4-(thien-2-ylethoxy)-6-[N-(5-carboxypyridin-2-yl)carbamoyl]benzofuran; and~~

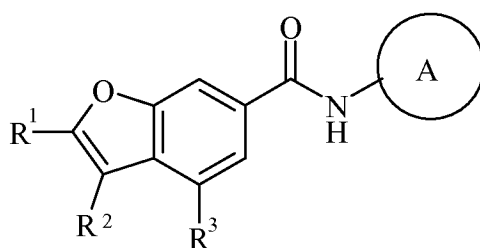
~~2-methyl-4-isobutoxy-6-[N-(thiazol-2-yl)carbamoyl]benzofuran;~~

or a salt thereof.

Claim 7 (previously presented): A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound according to any one of Claims 1 to 6, or a salt thereof, together with a pharmaceutically acceptable diluent or carrier.

Claim 8 (previously presented): A method of treating type 2 diabetes , comprising administering an effective amount of a compound according to any one of Claims 1 to 6 or a salt thereof.

Claim 9 (withdrawn): A method for preparing a compound of formula (I) or a salt thereof:



(I)

wherein:

Ring A is pyridin-2-yl wherein said pyridin-2-yl is optionally substituted on carbon by one or more groups selected from R⁴;

one of **R¹** and **R²** is hydrogen and the other is hydrogen or C₁₋₄alkyl; wherein R¹ and R² are optionally substituted on carbon by one or more groups selected from R⁵;

R³ is selected from C₁₋₄alkyl, C₁₋₄alkoxy, carbocyclyl, and carbocyclyloxy; wherein R³ is optionally substituted on carbon by one or more groups selected from R⁶;

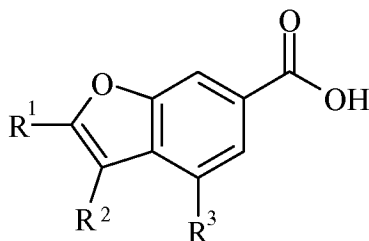
R⁴ is selected from halo, carboxy and C₁₋₄alkyl;

R⁵ and **R⁶** are independently selected from halo, C₁₋₄alkyl, C₁₋₄alkoxy, *N*-(C₁₋₄alkyl)amino, *N,N*-(C₁₋₄alkyl)₂amino, carbocyclyl, carbocyclyloxy and carbocyclylidenyl; wherein R⁵ and R⁶ are independently optionally substituted on carbon by one or more R⁷;

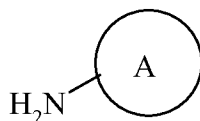
R⁷ is selected from halo, carboxy, methyl, ethyl, methoxy, ethoxy, methylamino, ethylamino, dimethylamino, diethylamino and *N*-methyl-*N*-ethylamino;

wherein the method comprises:

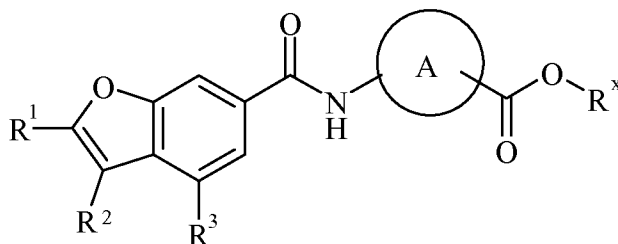
Process 1): reacting an acid of formula (II):

**(II)**

or an activated derivative thereof; with a compound of formula **(III)**; or

**(III)**

Process 2) for compounds of formula **(I)** wherein R⁴ is carboxy; deprotecting a compound of formula **(III)**:

**(III)**

wherein **R^x-OC(O)** is an ester group and **R^x** is selected from C₁₋₆ alkyl and benzyl; and optionally:

- i) converting a compound of the formula **(I)** into another compound of the formula **(I)**;
- ii) removing any protecting groups; and/or
- iii) forming a salt thereof.

Claims 10-12 (canceled)